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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Ross H. CORNELL ) Group Art Unit: 3624  
Application No.: 09/664,403 ) Examiner: Dr. Geoffrey R. Akers, P.E.  
Filed: September 18, 2000 )  
For: DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS )  
AND METHOD FOR CREATING )  
EFFICIENT FLOATER CLASSES )  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 4, 2003, Applicant files this Amendment as a submission with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The period for replying to the August 4, 2003, Final Office Action has been extended to December 4, 2003, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the following listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections and begin on page 15 of this paper.

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